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10 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
11 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

12 **United States Of America,**

13 **No. 19-PO-33588-LAB**

14 **Plaintiff,**

15 **EXPARTE: MOTION**
16 **REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION**
17 **TO PROCESS LATE VOUCHER**

18 **v.**

19 **Thomas Elias Lopez-Chic,**

20 **(No Oral Argument Requested)**

21 The defendant in this case (OSL) was closed on August 27, 2019. Pursuant to
22 General Order 15-10, the one-year limit for submitting a CJA-20 (voucher) for payment
23 has expired. For the reasons set forth, Counsel respectfully requests that the Court authorize
the processing of the prepared voucher.

24 For several years and continuing into the present, counsel has been considerably
25 preoccupied with aging parents, both suffering the advanced stages of Parkinson's Disease.
26 Although both parents are now in 'a home' there is now much time spent "parenting" our
27 parents; it is mentally distracting. Counsel believes that these past several years have
28 greatly affected counsel's ability to timely submit CJA-20's for payment.

29 Further, recently the Hon. Cindy K. Jorgenson brought to my attention the number
30 of cases I still have listed on the EVoucher system that are beyond the one-year limit for

1 submitting a voucher. Counsel and his secretary had developed a system we thought was
2 effective, but was allowing cases to ‘fall through the cracks.’ Our system did not recognize
3 that cases were falling through the cracks; this case included. That oversight has now been
4 addressed. Counsel has confidence that the issue will not continue.

5 Finally, at our meeting on November 14, 2022, Judge Jorgenson stressed the need
6 to submit these vouchers for processing before December 30, 2022. This motion is a direct
7 result of my meeting with Judge Jorgenson.

8 **CONCLUSION**

9 Counsel requests the court issue an order allowing for the filing of the CJA-20 in
10 this case.

11 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** November 17, 2022,

12 */s/ George H. Soltero*
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